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SUBJ: EFFORTS TO PERSUADE FRANCE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (IFAD)

FOR UNDERSECRETARY ROBINSON AND WHITE HOUSE FOR SEIDMAN

1. THIS IS OUR COMMENT ON MESSAGE BEING SENT SEPARATELY FOR DR. JOHN HANNAH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL, TO THE ADDRESSEES INDICATED ABOVE. DR. HANNAH DID NOT WISH HIS MESSAGE TO RECEIVE BROAD DISTRIBUTION WITHIN FAO CHANNELS.

2. DR. HANNAH CHECKED ON MAY 14 WITH U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO FADO ABOUT MAY 31 DATE FOR OECD/DAC CONSULTATION IN PARIS, AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INDICATED HE WAS UNDECIDED WHETHER TO GO BEFORE OR AFTER

THAT MEETING. U.S. REPRESENTATIVE EXPRESSED PERSONAL VIEW
THAT IF HE IS GOING TO PURSUE QUESTION, THE SOONER WOULD BE
THE BETTER.

3. AS TO DESIRABILITY OF MAKING EFFORTS TO PERSUADE FRANCE TO
CONTRIBUTE, WASHINGTO IS BETTER ABLE THAN WE TO EVALUATE THIS.
GUINEA AND ALGERIAL CRITICIZED FRANCE IN CLOSING HOURS OF
PREPARATORY MEETING OR WORLD FOOD COUNCIL, AND WORLD FOOD
COUNCIL SECRETARIAT IS INCLINED TO TAKE STRONG LINE WITH
FRANCE. THERE IS DANGER THAT A SUBSTANTIAL FRENCH CONTRIBU-
TION WOULD RESULT IN THE 40-60 PERCENT OPEC FORMULA. DR.
HANNAH, HOWEVER, HAS FELT THE FULL FORCE OF OPEC COUNTRY ARGU-
MENTS, AND WE AGREE WITH HIM THAT THE NON-CONTRIBUTION
OF FRENCE, APART FROM BLOCKING AN EEC CONTRIBUTION,
SERVES TOGETHER WITH THE SMALL CONTRIBUTIONS OF SOME OTHER
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, AS A STRONG TALKING POINT BY THE LESSER
OPEC COUNTRIES AGAINST THEIR BEING EXPECTED TO GIVE MORE
GENEROUSLY UNDER THE OPEC FORMULA THAN THESE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES
ARE GIVING. VOLPE UNQUOTE ROBINSON

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